

September 2008 Update

The purpose of this rulemaking is to update and amend the licensing requirements for Child Care Facilities licensed under A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 7.1, Article 1.

A.R.S. § 36-883 requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) to adopt reasonable rules necessary to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of children being cared for in a child care facility. Arizona Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 5, Articles 1 through 6 implement A.R.S. § 36-883 for Child Care Facilities by providing definitions and licensing requirements.

The Department is deleting unnecessary and obsolete provisions, clarifying requirements, and reorganizing the Child Care Facilities licensing rules to make the rules more clear, concise, and understandable.

Changes will conform to rulemaking format and style requirements of the Governor's Regulatory Review Council and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Draft rules have been posted on the Department's website. The informal public comment period will end on September 30th, 2008.

Stakeholders can communicate their comments, issues, and concerns to Thomas Salow, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at salowt@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1935, or by fax at 602-364-1150.